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Principal doubts merit of school ranking

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

A recent report by the C.D. Howe Institute has one local elementary school principal defending her school's reputation and questioning the researchers' methodology.

The report, entitled Ontario's Best Public Schools, evaluates publicly-funded elementary schools based on standardized testing results and socio-economic factors. It was released with fanfare by the institute last Wednesday and garnered some media attention.

Haliburton's J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School was one of the schools that received a relatively low ranking when compared with other institutions. According to the Howe Institute, JDHES has a pass rate of 42.1 per cent, which is 17.1 per cent below the provincial average. The school was also ranked in the bottom fifth percentile when compared with schools with similar socio-economic environments.

But despite the somewhat lackluster results, JDHES Principal Traci Hubbert is confident that her school is an upstanding institution, and feels that people shouldn't give much weight to such a report.

"I don't personally believe in ranking schools," says Hubbert. "It's like comparing apples and oranges, because no two schools are the same in terms of the school community, their children, their teachers, the resources they have, or the support of parents."

Hubbert also questions the

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Skipping through winter

Kendall Harrison skips in the snow during an obstacle course set up during J Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's French immersion Carnival Wednesday. Jessica Kennedy and Dakota Harris-Saxby are running the station, which was one of several activities. The event also included a visit by French folk band Le Grand Portage, who led dancing sessions. For more photos, please see page 15.

EMS answers the call for faster service

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

In an effort to reduce emergency response times Haliburton County EMS will soon redeploy ambulances to both Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands.

Starting on April 1, one ambulance will be stationed in Highlands East four days a week, while another will be stationed in Algonquin Highlands for two days a week. Though locations aren't yet confirmed, it's proposed that the units be stationed at central locations in each municipality, namely the Wilberforce fire hall and Stanhope Community Centre.



Ambulances will soon be stationed in Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands.

Currently the county has two ambulances that are on duty 24

hours a day - one based in Minden and another in the village of Haliburton. A third ambulance, which also operates out of the Haliburton base 12 hours a day, will now move around the municipality, aiding county officials in their redeployment strategy.

After examining the response times, call volumes, and call types for each of the county's four municipalities since 2004, EMS director Pat Kennedy says a trend was identified regarding the locations and times of day that emergency calls tend to arise.

"It's actually pretty consistent...and we were surprised because it works out very well

with the scheduling system we have in place right now," says Kennedy. "Very few adjustments will be needed for this to be effective, so it kind of all just fell into place."

Under the new proposal one Haliburton ambulance will be redeployed to Wilberforce on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.. Then, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, one Haliburton ambulance will move to the Minden base, allowing the Minden unit to shift north to Algonquin Highlands.

The aim of the new strategy is to meet the mandated time-

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Robin in the snow, not a jolly fellow

Maybe the early arrival of Daylight Savings Time this weekend made this robin think that spring would be arriving early in the Highlands too. Shirley Johnson took this photo of a robin in her backyard on Old Donald Road on February 26. Let's hope it left before getting caught in last night's cold snap.

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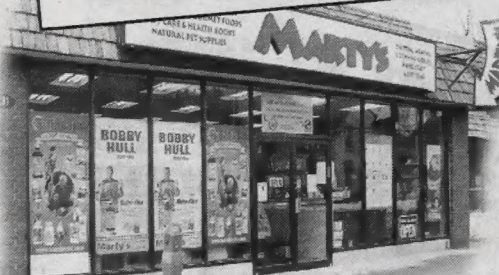
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Stuart Baker says Mush!

Stuart Baker Elementary School students had a treat recently when Winterdance Dogsled Tours brought its teams to the school. Above: Jalen Campbell and Austin McKay get a ride with Leah Blenkinsob. Below left: Mackenzie Sisson makes a friend. Below right: Heather Zahn watches as her sled partner Sierra Teatro gets a wet kiss.



Highlands East man charged with assault

On Saturday, March 3 Bancroft OPP responded to the report of a family dispute on Gem Road in Highlands East. Police say an adult male injured

a dog and assaulted a female at the residence.

A 21-year-old male has been charged with assault, injuring an animal and breach of proba-

tion, contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. The male was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Bancroft court on March 20.

IB&O Rail Trail is now official

Highlands East agrees to pay \$1,200 fee to change name

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

After months of uncertainty over the renaming of a municipal roadway, Highlands East council has agreed to pay a \$1,200 fee to the county in order to correct an administrative gaffe.

The road in question is the former IB&O Rail Trail, which was mistakenly renamed the Monmouth Rail Trail during the county's switchover to the 911 system. At that time, the county's 911 department sent out maps to all municipalities asking them to identify any existing road names.

According to a report by county engineer Roy Haig, the name fiasco began after Highlands East staff failed to identify the old railway corridor from McColl Road (just east of Gooderham) to Farr Road at Esson Lake as having a name.

"It appears that an oversight by the municipality [of Highlands East] occurred in this instance," said Haig's report, tabled at a county council meeting last October.

Around the same time, a group of property owners in Minden Hills requested the name of IB&O Trail for their road. (Their properties were located on an abandoned portion of the railway corridor in Snowdon.) That request was granted, because, at that time, the 911 department had no similar name in its database.

Upon discovering that three properties in Highlands East used the portion of the old rail bed as their primary access, and therefore required a name, 911 officials dubbed the roadway

Monmouth Trail. However, in June of 2005, the municipality asked the county to change the name back to IB&O, since that is how the road is known locally.

For more than a year, Highlands East council and the county were in disagreement over which party should absorb the costs of the renaming. Under the county's rules, the person making the request for a name change has to pay the \$1,200 administrative fee and, in this case, both the Monmouth Trail and the other IB&O Trail names would have to be changed.

However, former Highlands East reeve Keith Tallman and former deputy-reeve Bill Howe insisted that, since the 911 department gave the Monmouth Trail the wrong name in the first place, the department should also absorb all the costs.

After some debate, the 911 department agreed to absorb half the cost and charge Highlands East the remaining \$1,200. Neither Tallman nor Howe were initially impressed by the compromise, so the issue remained at a standstill until it was realized that at least 80 per cent of property owners on the trail needed to be contacted and approve the name change.

Months later, Highlands East has now received confirmation from the obligatory 80 per cent of residents, and the renaming of the roadway is ready to move forward.

Whereas the former council remained a hard nut to crack, the newly-elected Highlands East council voted unanimously in favour of doling out the \$1,200 to the county.

- with files from Martha Perkins

Police seek help in Kennisis Lake break-ins

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment are investigating a series of break and enters that were reported over the weekend. Officers were called to an address on Kennisis Lake on Saturday. Once at the scene the investigation resulted in three other break-ins being discovered.

The suspect(s) forced their way into the various residences and stole property including

electronics and alcohol. The break-ins are believed to have occurred within the last week and the investigation is ongoing.

Police are asking anyone with information to contact the OPP at 1-800-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. Crime Stoppers is completely anonymous and does not subscribe to call display. You will not testify in court and you may be eligible for a cash reward.

Report misses the soul of JDHES: principal

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methodology used to evaluate schools, including the percentile ranking, which is described as "a performance measure fully adjusted for observable social and economic characteristics" in the report.

"It says that a percentile is adjustable for observable characteristics. Well, we haven't seen anyone from the Howe Institute who has come to observe the things that we do in our school. So to make a judgment based on observable characteristics without actually observing them I would say is somewhat flawed."

The "pass rate" described in the report is based on results from standardized testing administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). Since those tests are given only to students in grades 3, 6, 9, and 10, Hubbert says the results are not an accurate reflection of her school's performance. (JDHES has students from grades 4 to 8 so EQAO results reflect only one-fifth of the student population).

But it's not just what they were judged on that has Hubbert upset - it's also what the report doesn't consider.

"There are lots of criteria missing," she says. "We have lots of extra-curricular activities and things that teachers go out of their way to do for our students and all of those things are what

makes a school a rich environment."

JDHES has "teachers who brought in hats and gloves for kids, and teachers who have paid out of their own pocket for students to have hot lunches or to have milk. Those things aren't taken into consideration when you look at a report like this but I think those kinds of things tell a lot more about a school than one set of EQAO results ever could."

Hubbert says the results of the annual EQAO tests are taken very seriously, but notes that they are also

"We're here for kids, not for school ranking"

Principal TRACI HUBBERT

released in August, meaning the school has already known about them for half a year and has developed "growth plans" based on the results in order to address the weaker areas and academic subjects.

As a result, Hubbert says the report is somewhat of an "alarmist document" that doesn't necessarily have a whole lot of merit. She is hopeful that members of the community - particularly parents - don't worry over the results, since there are much better indicators as to the quality of their child's education.

"This is report card week, and in terms of how their child is doing, parents should be more concerned with what their child's report card says, rather than a percentile ranking of the school," she says. "We're here for kids, not for school rankings."



GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

Gas shortages continued across the province last week, forcing Haliburton's Shamrock Shell Service Centre to close up shop for several days. Owner Greg Tibbitts says the station now has fuel after a delivery from Downsview on Saturday night. Down the road, Haliburton's Independent Gas Bar managed to keep fuel flowing to its customers, but was out of diesel for most of the week. The shortages are a result of a February 15 fire at Imperial Oil's Nanticoke plant, which depleted gasoline supplies and has hindered production.

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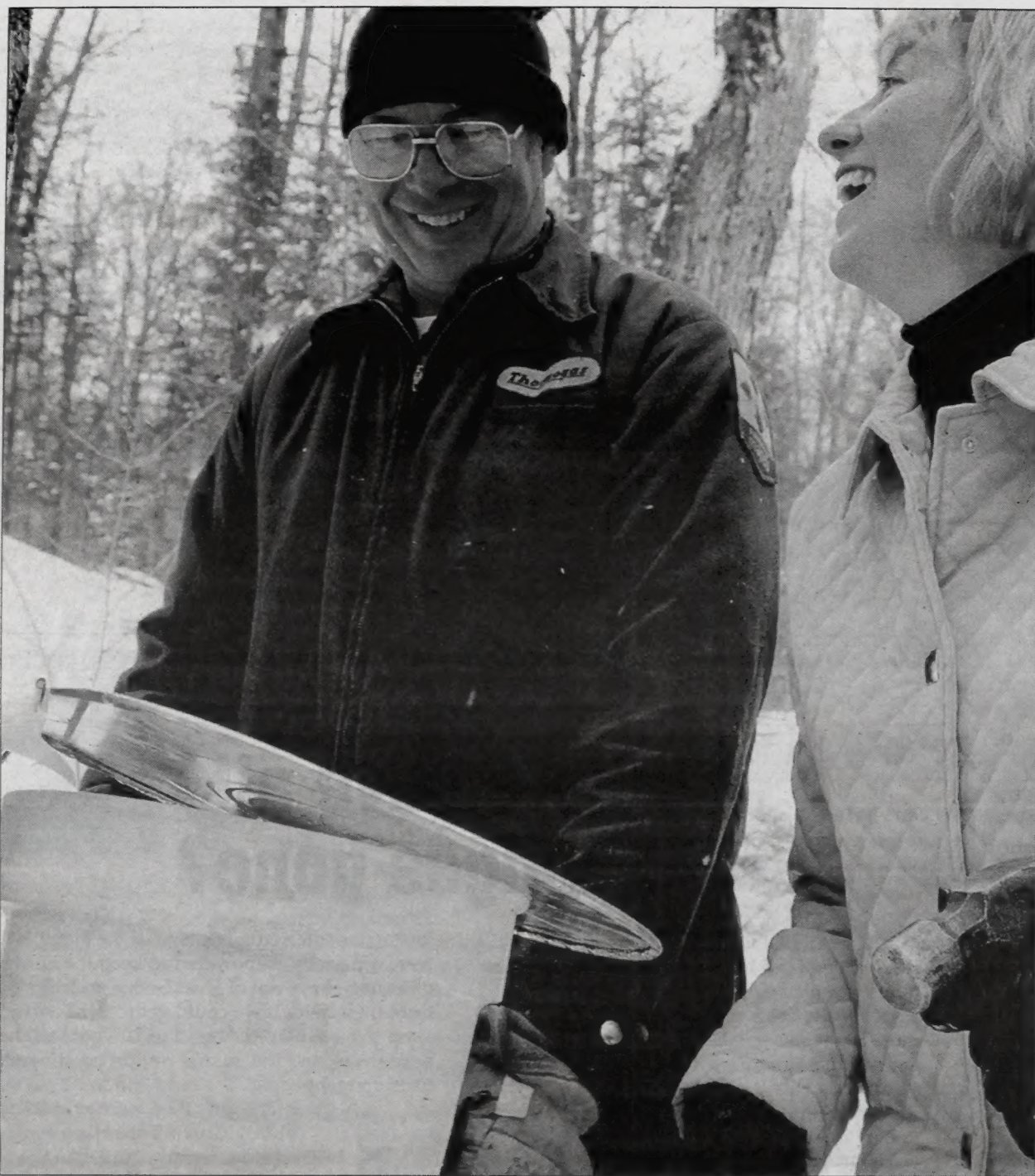
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Coalition members share low-water frustrations

The following are highlights from the questionnaire that the local Coalition for Equitable Water Flow sent to its member lake associations. Ninety per cent of its members responded to the questionnaire. The coalition is asking that the Trent-Severn Waterway take these concerns into consideration during its current water management review process.

— 100 per cent of respondents reported major problems with navigation because of the draw down of water from the reservoir lakes. Some people said they might leave the region for more stable waterways

— 81 per cent have had damage to their boats caused by submerged hazards

— 44 per cent need to extend their docks by the middle of summer; 50 per cent report problems with beached boats or boat removal

— 50 per cent have had property damage caused by ice flows and erosion as a result of fluctuating water levels

— 61 per cent report damage to fish habitats caused by exposed spawning areas, increased water temperatures and pollution in shallow waters, and increased turbidity

— 17 per cent report damage to wildlife habitats, mostly from the drying up of wetlands, flooding and destruction of shoreline

— 39 per cent report major erosion problems causing shoreline degradation, changing water flows and the emergence of sandbars which attract birds and the pollution their waste causes

— many respondents reported increased weed growth

— there was widespread concern about decreased water quality caused by lower water levels

— parents were particularly concerned about children having to go metres from shore to find deep water

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Does Howe report make the grade?

IF YOU WANT to get an idea of what an individual teacher can accomplish, try to count how many Duke of Edinburgh award winners we've had since Traci Hubbert was a teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. When Hubbert was at the high school, she motivated several teenaged girls to take on the challenges involved in earning the prestigious medal, which she had won when she was a teenager. Now that she's at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, however, no student at the high school has received the award.

If a study were to be done on a high school's success based on how many Duke of Edinburgh awards it won,

HHSS would have gone from being top of its class to being judged a huge failure. But the lack of Duke of Edinburgh award winners is not a reflection of HHSS's worth; instead, other teachers at the

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editorial

martha perkins

school have other interests and are motivating students in different fields.

At a glance the C.D. Howe Institute's study on school success is based on hard data: the results of the Education Quality and Accountability Office annual Grade 6 testing. The testing is relatively new and is used as both a benchmark and as a red flag. For instance, some of our schools are showing that young boys aren't doing as well as the school board would like in reading. In response, the school board decided to purchase more books that would grab the interest of young boys in the hopes of improving their reading skills. It will take a few years to find out if this clever ploy is working but at least the school board takes the results seriously enough to try to come up with solutions.

By taking the EQAO results of JDHES, and using a formula to try to come up with socio-economic factors that may influence how well the students should do, the right-leaning think tank gives the impression that JDHES is failing our students. Is it?

Academics are an important facet of school life. You have to judge a school by how well it's doing its job of giving students the foundation of skills that they will need to succeed throughout their school years. A school can't simply get top marks by being a "fun" place. Learning can be fun but the fun part can't be at the expense of the learning part. But neither should the learning be bereft of fun.

In defending her school's record, Traci Hubbert – a high achiever who left the high school to become the young vice-principal of JDHES and then its principal – says the report ignores all of the other factors that go into making the school a success. Teachers there care about their students, not just as receptacles of facts. They go above and beyond the duties of being a teacher to give young people a rounded experience.

A year and a half ago the school received the same EQAO results as those used in the Howe Institute's report. Teachers and superintendents are using the results to find ways to improve ways of delivering the core curriculum. They're using the results in the way the testing was intended – to enhance the education a school provides. The Howe Institute's rankings are used to judge and criticize – to do nothing more constructive than to make headlines. The local school board's response seems so much wiser.



Swing your partner, en français, at JDHES

Photo by CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

Where have all the lodges gone?

TODAY I DROVE PAST what used to be called (and I still call) Hart Lodge, which spreads across Highway 35 between Twelve Mile Lake and Mountain Lakes. It's still there but it's now called Twin Lakes, and really isn't a lodge any more. It's a camp for some very lucky kids.

In the old days, Hart Lodge was one of the biggies. I remember watching as the Hart Lodge Blue Rinse cruise boat would burble past our dock each night around twilight. The lake was like a millpond and the sun was just heading for the horizon – the end of a perfect summer day. This was the nightly cottage sight-seeing tour for the folks staying at Hart Lodge. The boat was about 18 feet and had lots of room, and the skipper would be regaling the white-haired (mostly) ladies with an on-going monologue as the boat made its way around the perimeter of the lake. No more.

Sun Valley Cottages, Fairfield Bay Cottages are other names that have gone the way of the 'housekeeping cottage' and have been torn down and rebuilt into bigger and better things, like bigger and better cottages.

The lodges that are left have been revamped to fit the customer of today who wants nothing but the best. All the bells and all the whistles. First-class all the way and nothing less is the order of the day for the lodges that are still in business.

Heather Lodge is one. Ogopogo is another. Both offer deluxe service and amenities. And that's the only way to stay in the lodge business today. Which must be sort of sad for the teenagers cottaging here.

When I was a teenager back in the '50s, there existed something called 'Camp Girls' who were employed by the various lodges around the area. (I don't think there were any Camp Boys, or very few). Deer Lodge was a prime target for us of hormonal overload. The object of the exercise was to somehow get past several

layers of dedicated guardians of the lodge, who were especially empowered to keep the hordes of teenage boys out of Deer Lodge and away from their help. If we could get to the Tuck Shop, we were in, because this is where all the action was, and the guards couldn't distinguish us from real people.

The girls they were protecting didn't really want to be protected from us any more than we wanted to be walked briskly back to the road where we would be warned not to come back or else. ("The police would be paying us a visit" or some such threatened consequence.) The girls would often contrive to sneak us in, or tell us which would be our best bet for getting past the guards. Sometimes it worked, and sometimes it didn't.

Sneaking through the underbrush was very seldom successful due to its unimaginative planning and the vigilance of the patrols. "We hear you," they would chant as we crunched through the underbrush. Then the big flashlights would start playing around the woods until we just took off running, yelling and laughing, back to our collection of junk we called cars and headed for the coffee shop for a strategy session.

My most effective effort was pure bravado. I was a hero for weeks after I pulled this one off. I was driving my best friend's '34 Chevy Coupe...yes...and I was seventeen years old. I drove right up to the office of Deer Lodge and walked up to the desk and asked if the Barnes family had checked in, and could you tell them that 'Ralph' was here. "Can't seem to find them here...Can you describe them?" I described an old girlfriend and her family (they were in Florida I think at the time.) The clerk said, "Yes, I saw the girl an hour ago down at the Tuck Shop. Why don't you go down and take a look?"

"Ok. Is the Tuck Shop down this way? Thank you very much."

Indeed.



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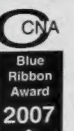
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SO THERE I WAS at a complete loss for a column idea for today's paper. I had stared for hours at a blank computer screen, made several false starts, and finally looked up to the sky and asked the Good Lord above for some sort of inspiration.

Then, as if on cue, my best friend gives me a call.

Here's why he's my best friend.

"What's up?" I said, somewhat depressed.

"My spell-check isn't working correctly," he replied. "How do you spell vicinity?"

"V-I-C-I-N-I-T-Y," I answered.

"Vee?" he said. "Are you sure it starts with a vee?"

"Of course," I answered. "What did you think it started with?"

"An F," he said sheepishly. "Ficinity - isn't that the word. Ficinity."

"No," I corrected, embarrassed enough for both of us, "it's vicinity. Vicinity."

Somewhere in the background, I could hear the pages flipping in his dictionary. This was soon followed by, "Oh well, I'll be darned. No wonder my spell-check couldn't find it."

I began chuckling.

A couple of seconds of tense silence followed.

"You're not going to tell anyone about this are you?" he asked hesitantly.

"What do you think?" I

replied. "You're my absolute

best friend in the whole wide world. You're like a brother to me."

"Oh crap... Well then, you're not going to use my name then are you?"

"No Tom, no I won't."

"Thanks," he said. "I'd appreciate that."

"No problem, Tom," I replied. "It's the least I could do."

Just like that, I had a column idea. This is not the first time I've been blessed by a situation such as this. When I was younger, for instance, I put up with hearing my brother mangle the Bachman Turner Overdrive song, "Taking care of business" for weeks on end. Martin, being young and not as worldly as he would have led others to believe, used to play air guitar and sing, "Taking carafistus" without missing a beat.

Eventually, when I finally grew tired of it, I let him know that it was actually "Taking care of business."

Then, as an afterthought, I asked what he thought BTO was singing about. "I thought carafistus was some sort of illegal drug," he answered quietly. Some thirty years later, I have yet to let him forget this.

But while my brother made this mistake at the confused and tender age of 14, my buddy Tom had spent at least 40 good years misusing the word. I'm guessing it's actually ingrained into his vocabulary.

Even now, I wish I were there for all the times that complete strangers took pity on him thinking he had a mild speech impediment. Oh, the good times I would have had.

Perhaps all this seems cruel, but you wouldn't think so if you knew of all the times he has taken pleasure in my mispronouncement of words. To which, I generally reply that English is a second language for me - something I only learned at the age of four.

Now Tom has given me something to look forward to for every conversation we have from here on in. Oh yes, now I'll be listening even more intently when I coax him to tell the story about the times he lost his virginity. And when we go for fish and chips, I'll pay close attention whenever he asks me to pass the vinegar. Yes, this one little mistake has given me a whole new lease on life. Believe me, this is the type of joy that only your best friend can provide.

What makes this all the sweeter is that Tom is not at all a stupid fellow. In fact, he's one of the brightest guys I know. That's why I'm making hay while the sun shines. He's got a keen, eerily analytical mind that cuts right through the frivolities and gets right down to the meat of the matter. Debating him can be a daunting task.

In fact, just that morning, prior to this conversation, he and I deliberated upon whether freedom of speech is truly applicable to columnists. His point was that as a columnist you are only really free to state your case as long as it doesn't offend advertisers or the editorial and political stance of the publication you are writing for. I took an opposing viewpoint but, in the end, had to concede that in the real world he was far more correct than I would have liked him to be.

That was an earlier phone call though. There's no question, however, that this time was different - without a doubt, I emerged victorious.

Tales from



steve
galea

Vinegar Hill



pic of the past

BACK IN THE WINTER of 1960, the widow of one of Haliburton's most popular Huskies, Glen Dart, presented the trophy for the hockey tournament named in his honour. From left are Midget winners Brian Good, Mervin Dickie, Richard Stinson, Gary Roberts, Darryl Stamp, Conway Little and Dick Schell accepting the trophy from Mrs. Nelly Dart. The tournament is still going strong and took place at the Haliburton arena last weekend. Our thanks to Mr. Roberts, who now lives near Sauble Beach, for sharing this hockey memory with us.

letters to the editor

Remember the headlines in 2010 election

To the Editor:

Re: Editorial, February 27.

Although I agree that ongoing controversy and gossip is not a good thing for the paper, the news of what is going on with council in Highlands East is very important to the people who live here and I am learning a lot. I don't believe in closed-door meetings and thanks to you and your writers, we are kept informed. I don't have to write, because everything said in the *Echo* this week was exactly what was on my mind. I noted Gary Stoughton didn't answer two of your questions before the election and isn't it interesting that he and Reeve Dave Burton have nothing to say in rebuttal to the various accusations. My wife Debbie says I should run for office but the frustration level would be too much.

I look forward to the *Echo* every week and I am in fact saving the information about this dysfunctional council for 2010 to remind the people, who tend to forget, when they print their X on the next ballot.

Ted Cumber
Gooderham

Water reduction a welcome move

To the Editor:

It was refreshing to see Mr. Peter Taylor of the M.O.E. "go public" with his explanation of the facts, disturbing though they may be, of the Beamish water-taking application at Bark Lake in his letter to MPP Laurie Scott Haliburton Echo Feb.27.

He noted that the original request was for the equivalent of 1,080 million litres of water a year. Only after the public become aware of this mind-boggling amount has the applicant inexplicably revised it to 35 million litres/year. This represents less than four per cent of the original request.

In a related matter, at the Bark Lake quarry "open house" this past summer, Robert E. Graham, senior vice-president for Beamish Construction, in response to a direct question publicly stated that one or maybe two new asphalt plant-related jobs might be available. In the minutes of the Jan.23/07 Highlands East council meeting we have not Mr. Graham, but his consultant Dennis Simmons, informing Reeve David Burton and council that five to six jobs would be currently available with five to six more to follow. Where can the truth lie in such a major discrepancy?

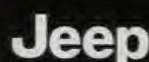
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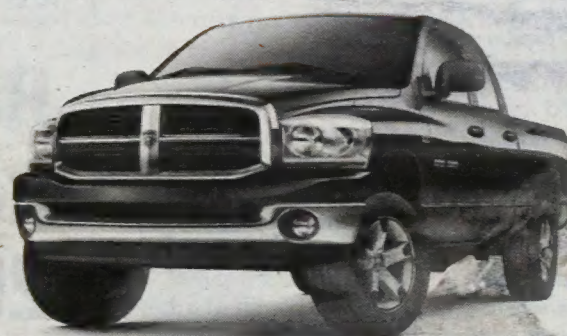


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YMCA Camp Wanakita opened its premises to the public February 25 for a winter fun day. Visitors were able to enjoy skiing, skating, tobogganing and snowshoeing. Above: Kyle Lavergne brought his skates for a swing around the pond rink.



George VanHoudt and George Martin tried cross-country skiing for the first time. "Just takes you away from your daily life," VanHoudt said of the visit. "And I've learned to ski and how to fall."



Wanakita staffers Heather Lyon, Meghan Shanks and Heidi Mayer hit the toboggan hill together.



Joseph Patrick wore his helmet on the hill as proof that he was serious about his speed. The weather was mild enough to go without a jacket on the hill.

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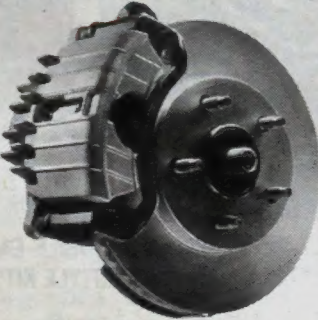


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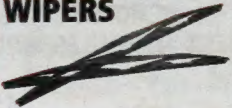
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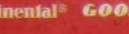
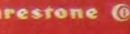


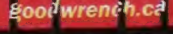
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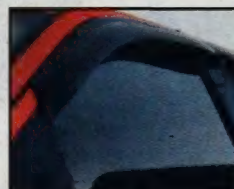
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Controversies are not good for business

To the Editor:

I share a deep concern for the way our community in Highlands East is being operated. It appears common sense has made way for "good old boy tactics" and changes made without regard for past obligations or input from experts in the field. Our community is in danger of becoming liable for lawsuits that appear to me could cost us millions of dollars.

I am a small business owner in the community and cannot help but fear the implications from this type of management could not only ruin my business but the business of all those in the area. We are very proud of our community and pride ourselves in making this a safe place where families can grow and seniors can live in peace and where we can encourage businesses to come and prosper.

I feel that we are not only the laughing stock for other areas but at the same time putting the safety of our residents at risk. This last incident of acting without thinking and leaving the Highlands East without adequate fire supervision is incompetent to say the least. Please help us.

John Bower
Highlands East

Public is being ignored

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private lands and not among the wetlands and source water of our community's Crown land.

Adding to the confusion of this inconsistent and disparate evidence are the unexplained actions of the trio of Highlands East councillors who arbitrarily rescinded the resolution opposing an asphalt plant at this sensitive Highlands East location.

At the same time the Ministry of Natural Resources office in Minden (which is also the former employer of Dennis Simmons) has been processing this asphalt plant application for over four years now. Bill Hutson, of the MNR, continues to promise his decision once he is in receipt of the Beamish consultant's report, which, in light of the evidence, sounds a lot like "the public be damned".

Finally, on behalf of her beleaguered constituents, this might be an appropriate time for our local MPP and environment critic Laurie Scott to publicly state her position on this most sensitive of environmental issues.

Al Eppich
Irondale

Firefighter defends council decision

To The Editor:

In response to Lea Kitler's letter regarding Don Middleton's dismissal, I do not know the reason for the dismissal either. But she has brought up a few good points.

Hunter's mill fire: She says that she was third on the call. As the roster for the Gooderham Fire Hall consisted of 16 firefighters, I take it she responded from her home 42 km from Hunter's mill. Going to the scene you would have travelled through four small villages and entered the fifth where you could not drive at highway speeds. How long were you in getting there?

Only 13 km from Hunter's Mill was another pumper that could have been used to supply water to Gooderham's front-line pumper. However, it never was dispatched with personnel experienced in fighting mill fires.

The nearby river and man-made pond that was specifically dug at Hunter's Mill for the purpose of

fighting a fire was also never used to supply water to extinguish the blaze.

At the December 28 council meeting Mr. Middleton was told to remove the red lights from his personal truck. As of March 1, they are still there.

And Ms. Kitler also states that she had documents regarding the purchase and installation of cameras. Could you please forward them to our new council then as they cannot seem to find any documentation at all.

P.S. Gooderham fire hall was one of the finest fire departments in the area. They even had a great junior firefighters program (a.k.a. The Good Old Boys)

Max Walsh
A proud 35-year veteran firefighter of
Highlands East and
Roberta Walsh
Wife of a proud 35-year veteran firefighter of
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Community supports the asphalt plant

To The Editor:

I refer to Dick Clark's letter, February 20.

I read with interest his observation re: asphalt plants. Apparently he has a thing against these asphalt plants. However he gives no practical alternative to the perceived problem (which does not exist).

We have a great many asphalt plants throughout the country, which are all approved by the required government organizations so I find it difficult to follow all his recorded concerns.

He makes comment that the electorate are against the asphalt plant. However, he is unaware that the two past elections in Highlands East clearly indicated that the bulk of the electorate, when they got the chance to say something, did not side with the objectors. The latter are actually very few but they try to influence the uninformed with exaggerated concerns. They also try to infer they represent the general public.

It really boils down to the fact that asphalt roads, gravel pits, sand pits for winter roads etc. are needed but they should just be in somebody else's backyard. This is on the assumption Haliburton is special and a wonderful place (which it is) but it is quite evident other people think theirs is too.

S. Jones
Highlands East

Seasonal 'crows' needed

To the Editor:

The letter from G. Jones begs a question. What does he have against seasonal crows? If it wasn't for the seasonal crows nesting in the Highlands, full-time crows like him couldn't afford the rent. He also attacks those who attended an all-candidates meeting to voice their opposition to an asphalt plant that would adversely affect the entire area, stating that the people should welcome industry. Yes, industry is welcome, but not an industry that pollutes and will destroy the quality of life for those living in the area.

Michael Corscadden
Highlands East

Too many smokers die

To the Editor:

It's a fact! More than 3,000 people die each year in Canada alone because of cancer due to smoking. I am not a smoker but I like to know why smoking grass is illegal and smoking tobacco is legal. Any thought from the government on this issue?

We need to clean up the environment. If a portion of these smokers would think about it, we could eliminate death from cancer because of smoking and we could contribute to the cleaning up of our environment. C'mon, think about it, clean up before it's too late.

Steve Sike
Haliburton

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Making the numbers work

Volunteer organization helps Kawartha Lakes EMS meet response time targets

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The dilemma about who should pay to transfer stable patients isn't quite at the lights-and-sirens stage but it is serious enough to prompt local healthcare professionals and politicians to try to work together to find a solution.

The county says that its Emergency Medical Services Department can no longer afford to tie up its ambulances and paramedics to transport people who have no pressing health concerns. By using an ambulance to take, for instance, a resident at the Highland Wood long-term care home in Haliburton to a doctor's appointment in Peterborough, EMS is falling behind in its responsibility to provide prompt and efficient service to true emergency patients.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services is loath to pass the costs of transporting stable patients by EMS or private ambulance on to the patient. It, however, receives no provincial funding to pay for the service on behalf of its patients who would have to pay between \$450 and \$1,000 per trip if they use a private ambulance. As a result of the county's decision not to trans-

port stable patients by ambulance, the HHHS is finding itself with an unexpected \$150,000 budget shortfall because it's picked up the costs of hiring Travois Medical Transfer to transport its patients and residents.

"For a small hospital such as ours already operating on a lean budget with little flexibility to move financially – we have no avenue to raise money – to provide a non-funded service to the \$150,000 range is seriously taking away from much-needed services," said Jeanne Anthon, chairperson of the HHHS board. "Ask our staff and physicians what their needs are to produce a high-quality healthcare and the list is daunting."

"The prospect of reducing or maybe eliminating a hospital service is not a good prospect for this community or our board."

Representatives of the county, the EMS department, HHHS, Haliburton Extendicare, the access centre and the Ministry of Health recently got together to hear what happened in the City of Kawartha Lakes when it was faced with such a dilemma.

Valmay Barkey is the executive director of Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes. Similar to Community Care in Haliburton County, it is dedicat-

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo



Valmay Barkey of Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes talks to Keith Sansford, CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, about the service her agency offers to clients who need to be transported by wheelchair or stretcher.

ed to helping people live as independently as possible by relying on a pool of dedicated volunteers to provide a wide variety of services. But unlike the local Community Care it doesn't focus on seniors or people with physical disabilities.

Barkey was a member of what was known as the Joint Executive Committee of regional healthcare providers when politicians in Kawartha Lakes decided that they, too, could not afford to transport stable patients by ambulance. (Ambulance costs are split between municipal governments and the provincial Ministry of Health.)

"We identified that a signifi-

cant number – as high as 60 per cent – of the people who were being transferred in ambulances were not emergency situations," she said at the informal meeting at the Haliburton Hospital.

Some of the larger hospitals, such as Peterborough Regional Health Centre, had found a way to accommodate the costs of transferring patients in their budgets even though there is no direct funding. In Peterborough, the bill is roughly \$1 million.

Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay was willing to work with politicians at Kawartha Lakes, as well as Community Care, to see if a local solution could be found. "If you're driv-

en by what makes the most sense then you problem solve," Barkey said.

At the time, Community Care had had a successful fundraising project to buy a van that could transport people in wheelchairs. Could Community Care take its services a step further and find money to buy a van that was also equipped to accommodate a stretcher? A pilot project was approved and Community Care quickly cobbled together various funding sources, including local service clubs, to add the van to its two-vehicle fleet.

A fee schedule was estab-

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HHHS searches for solution

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lished. On top of the 35 cents a kilometre that Community Care charges people to use the wheelchair van, it added the \$45 fee that everyone, across the province, is charged when they need an ambulance. In turn, Community Care's volunteer drivers are paid roughly \$10 to \$12 an hour to transport the client. Most rides are pre-booked so the van's time can be used efficiently. The service is available from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and there are no restrictions on how far the stretcher van will travel. The longest trip has been to Quebec.

Community Care has about eight volunteer drivers who have to have extensive first aid training. Most of them are retired paramedics or firefighters. Two drivers are on each stretcher van trip. The number of rides per year has reached 7,000.

A client living at home will pay for the service; a subsidy is available to people on fixed incomes. (Barkey says that for the first three-quarters of this fiscal year, only \$200 in subsidies have been required.)

If Ross Memorial Hospital or a nursing home requests the service for an inter-facility trip, then Community Care bills the facility. The hospital has found a way to absorb the costs. In part, it does so by "making" money on short-haul trips because it gets to keep \$30 of the \$45 ambulance fee. (The other \$15 goes to the province.) These local runs subsidize the longer trips to Peterborough or Toronto.

Barkey says that the hospital sometimes saves money by using the Community Care service because the hospital doesn't have to send a nurse to wait with the patient at appointments.

Local representatives here worry that that system won't benefit Haliburton County because most transfers are out of the county. But can Haliburton County borrow from the Kawartha Lakes model?

Dick Charron, past HHHS chairman, seemed keen on the idea of making the purchase of a stretcher van a community project.

One local politician said the HHHS could be making money for charging for parking.

It was agreed that another meeting would be held to help find, in the words of HHHS board member David Coulson, "a made in Haliburton solution."

County's size makes for longer ambulance response times

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frames set out by the Ministry of Health. Kennedy says that the maximum response time for Haliburton County is 26 minutes and four seconds, and EMS is required to meet that goal for 90 per cent of its calls.

For the past two years Haliburton County EMS has not been able to meet their targets but Kennedy says he is hopeful that re-jigging the system will result in greater efficiency. He also notes that response times have dropped significantly since the county stopped providing non-emergent transfers out of county for patients who are deemed to be stable.

"We have substantially reduced our response times but as of the end of 2006 we were just slightly over, so the next step is to try and move our ambulances into areas where we have a large number of calls."

Kennedy says that one of the biggest challenges facing EMS is the sheer size of the area it covers, coupled with continual expansion and growth in the area.

"As our lakes get developed and road systems are expanded, more and more cottagers start relying on our services, and for many of them it's year-round. So all of that has a large bearing on our response times."

Because EMS is no longer providing non-emergent transfers, Kennedy says they have units available to move throughout the area. However, he also adds that they are still providing out-of-county transfers when necessary, which continues to have a large impact on local response times.

"We still do a lot of transfers outside the county because our patients need treatment that can't be done here but we're running into real problems in Peterborough with offload delays," he says. "It's

becoming a bigger issue all the time. We've had ambulances delayed as long as three hours in Peterborough with patients on stretchers, which means we can only sit and wait for that unit to return to Haliburton."

As a result, EMS has had to come up with more ways to help combat high response times, including the use of emergency response vehicles (SUVs).

"Those vehicles are staffed with management personnel who are fully trained as paramedics so they can be used when there might be a delay for an ambulance getting to the scene," he says.

"[The SUVs] are fully-equipped with everything that an ambulance has, other than a stretcher, so the staff are able to do a first response. They're a valuable asset in helping to stop the clock."

Statistics show that response times in Highlands East and Algonquin

Highlands are the highest in the county and contribute adversely the overall time standard. A report also shows that Dysart has experienced a higher than anticipated response time but it is presumed that calls to the Harcourt Park area (not in the Highlands East data) are influencing response time standards.

It's anticipated that there may be some increases in vehicle operations expenses as result of the pilot projects but Kennedy says there will be no increases in staff overtime. Kennedy says that after six months the project will be reviewed and EMS will determine if it has resulted in any improvements to the system.

"Right now it's a matter of getting vehicles strategically placed. We're looking at Wilberforce for four days [per week], but that may very well change. It's just a trial basis for six months, and will be subjected to some adjustments after that."

“As our lakes get developed, more cottagers start relying on our services. That has a large bearing on our times

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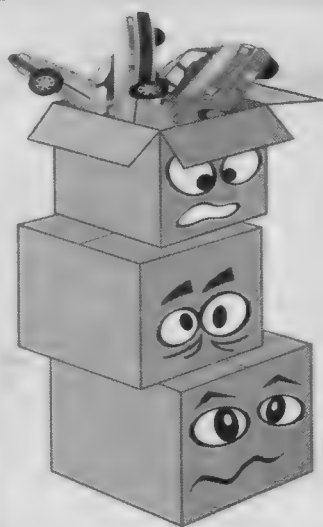


How best to read with your child and not tear your hair out

Stuart Baker Elementary School hosted a family literacy night February 27, which featured a workshop called "How best to read with your child and not tear your hair out." Janice Benoit, Nancy Bishop and Jim Hopkins presented the workshop, which showed parents reading techniques through dramatization and instruction. Jim Hopkins took these photographs of parents and students reading together. As one kindergartner exclaimed: "I learned a lot tonight!"

Left: Amy Black and her mom read together.

Right: Evelyn Beachli spends some reading time with her dad.



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Winter Carnaval gets kids hopping



Students at J Douglas Hodgson spent Wednesday immersed in French language as they held a "carnaval" at the school with singing, dancing and outdoor games.

Above left: Allana Paul and her group made ice sculptures out of ice shapes.

Left: Tyler Barry and Spencer Trueman dance to Le Grand Portage, a French folk band.

Above: Jillian Hawley hops as she takes part in one of the day's fun events.

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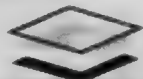
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New director has passion for social work and community

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

It's a move that has been more than 20 years in the making but Marg Cox can once again call the Haliburton Highlands her full-time home.

Building on a fulfilling career in Toronto, the former HHSS graduate was recently hired as the new executive director of the Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents (formerly known as Family Services Haliburton County). It's a decision that will allow her to combine her passion for social work with her love for this community, and in an interview with the *Echo*, Cox made it clear just how much that means to her.

"Most of what I'd like to say is just how happy I am to be working in what I've always considered to be my home town," she says. "It's really been a lifelong dream of mine to move back to Haliburton."

Cox first left the Highlands in the 1970s to study social work at Ryerson University. Following graduation she landed her first job as a clinical staff member with the Dellcrest Children's Centre in Toronto, and from there she worked for a number of different organizations, including a stint as a faculty member at Seneca College.

In 1995 she was hired as the executive director of East York/East Toronto Family Resources, an organization that delivers a broad range of children's services, including special needs resourcing, child care, family support, parent education, and perinatal programs. In her time there she grew the agency from 8 to 58 and increased their funding base of \$200,000 to \$2 million.

Four years ago, after living in the city for nearly two decades, Cox decided it was time to return to calming landscapes of Haliburton. When her parents offered her the opportunity to purchase her family home, her husband Ken Gurdon took early retirement from his job with the Toronto Transit Commission and her two teenage daughters transferred schools – now studying in the same classrooms that she once sat in.

Up until two weeks ago, when Cox officially took over as executive director at Point in Time, she continued to travel back and forth from Haliburton to Toronto. In a typical week she would work three twelve-hour days in the city, and work from home the rest of the time. While in Toronto she would stay at the family's apartment, which her daughters jokingly refer to as "the cottage."

Cox says she certainly won't miss the weekly commute but, more importantly, she says that she is eager to become a part of the Point in Time team, which she has always looked upon highly.

"I'm really excited to be working with such a competent and dedicated staff group...it's such a very strong team," she says. "And one of the exciting things about coming here is that it's an opportunity for me to put to use some of the skills and knowledge I've developed as an administrator and executive director, while also drawing on some of my earlier experience working in children's mental health."

For the past four years Cox has sat on the Point in Time board of directors, which has given her an intimate knowledge of how the organization functions, but she resigned from that position several months ago in order to apply for the position of executive director and avoid any conflict of interest.

Cox says one of the unique aspects about Point in Time,



GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

Marg Cox is the new executive director of Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents.

when compared to like-minded organizations, is the scope of the programs and services the organization offers to the community.

"[Point in Time] offers a whole continuum of services and support within one organization, and that allows for people to be supported in whatever way seems appropriate at the time," she says.

"In my career I've always felt that it's most appropriate to look at things in a holistic way, so when you incorporate a broad range of services under one roof it allows for the best possible fit in terms of support."

Though Cox is still settling in to her new position (she doesn't even have a permanent office yet) she says that she is looking forward to building upon existing partnerships within the community, including all three levels of government. She says she has also been "really blessed" to have

developed a strong network of people to work with in Toronto, and suggests that in the future she will be looking to make use of those connections in order to further the capacity and potential of Point in Time.

All in all, Cox says she is anxious to enter this new chapter in her life, and to help improve an already strong organization with a purpose that parallels her own goal in life – that being to assist children and families in their times of need.

"I've had a lot of time to reflect lately, and I've realized that there's just something innate in it that makes me want to get up in the mornings and come to work," she says. "I like this kind of work because I feel that there is a real opportunity to make a difference in people's lives. Literature and research show that the earlier people are able to get help and support, the greater the impact can be."

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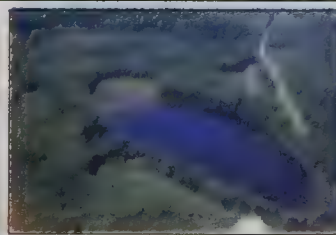
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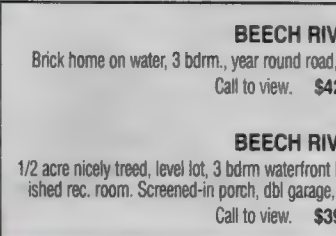
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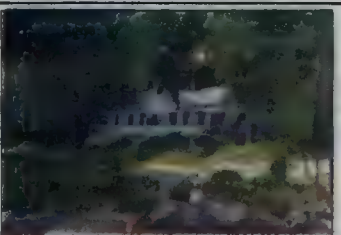
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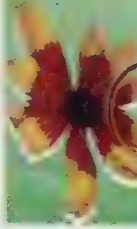


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Haliburton Dance Arts proved its members can do more than dance. The company used the talents of 60 area children to present the musical Annie Junior February 24 and 25.

Top left: Kelci Haley played Lily, a woman posing as Annie's birth mother.

Above left: Rachel Churko played one of Miss Hannigan's orphans.

Top: Lauren Snelgrove was perfect as the popular red-haired orphan.

Above: Jessica Bishop and the rest of the orphans incorporated dance into the theatrical performance. >

Storm move on to Ontario finals

Highland Storm sweeps series and moves to all-Ontario championships

JESSICA YOUNG
Staff Reporter

The Highland Storm Atoms will advance to the all-Ontario championships after a nail-biting 3-2 win over Dunnville on Saturday at the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.

The weekend's win means the team takes home the title as Eastern Ontario victors.

With 8:50 remaining in the second, Curtis Ballantyne scored the Storm's first goal with assists from Spencer Trueman and Jacob Sisson. The power play allowed the Storm to tie the game 1-1, eliminating Dunnville's one-goal lead.

Dunnville managed to score in the third, but the Storm persisted with Tyler Barry scoring two goals, including the game winner. Barry went solo for his first goal at 7:14 and was assisted by Spencer Trueman and Ballantyne for his second.



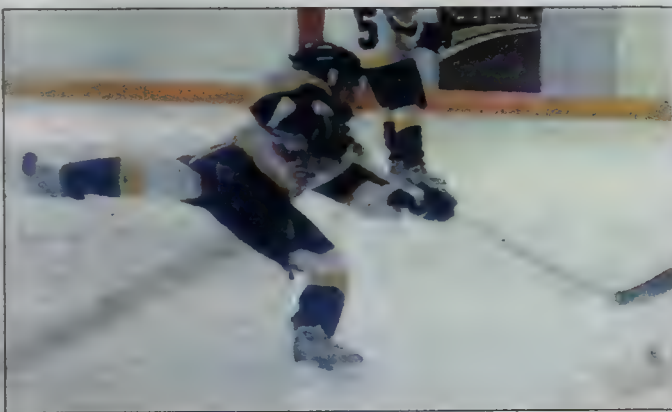
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All 12 team members were beaming after their win Saturday night. The 3-2 victory qualifies Highland Storm to advance to the province-wide finals against Dresden or Tavistock in March.

Undoubtedly, the team wouldn't have been able to make the clean sweep without solid goaltending from Jordan Hamilton and Braydon Frost. Head Coach Jamie Dollo credits the group as a whole for their success.

"The team's win is based on the performance of all 12 players. The kids played great."

The all-Ontario finals won't start until March 18. Until then, the team waits to see if Dresden or Tavistock will be their competitor. The southern teams are currently locked in a 1-1 tie in the series.



Julia Fedeski was at the boards when Jacob Sisson made a hard shot at the offensive net. Sisson walked away from their narrow victory with one assist for Curtis Ballantyne's goal in the second.



Connor Dollo takes a shot on net while getting hooked by one of his Dunnville competitors. Storm members were positioned well with Nathan Feir beside Dollo and Devon Upton ready for action at the boards. The Storm took the series 3-0 and will advance to the all-Ontario championships next month.



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Gord and Doris Pierson are right at home on the ski lift at Sir Sam's Ski Area in Eagle Lake. The two spend almost every winter day on the hill, unless they're out of town – skiing, of course.

Common bond gives couple love for a lifetime

CASEY LESSARD

Staff Reporter

"She's the best skier," Gord Pierson says about his wife Doris.

"He's smooth as silk," Doris returns. "He floats."

The two have just sat down in the Sir Sam's clubhouse to eat the lunch Doris had packed. It's a scene that is familiar to the regulars at the Eagle Lake ski hill, and for good reason. Gord and Doris Pierson's love story on skis started almost 60 years ago, and it shows no signs of stopping.

"It was a little place called Raglan, north of Oshawa," Doris says. "We had no tows or anything at that time. I was 18. My harness kept breaking and Gord happened to have a screwdriver, so he fixed it for me. From then on, he followed me around and fixed my binding every time."

Gord, 77, and Doris, 76, have each been skiing for 64 years, and they credit their shared love of the sport as the bond that holds their family together. They can be found almost every winter day navigating the hills at Sir Sam's Ski Area, down the road from their retirement cottage.

"They're diehards," says Sir Sam's co-owner, J.D. Bishop. "They're here every day. They know exactly how to ski. You have to have a lot of talent and a lot of practice, and these guys have both. These guys are the crème de la crème of the ski industry."

"Doris Pierson is the best skier at Sir Sam's," he adds, echoing Gord's earlier comments. "Always has been. Gord here, he's number two; he's runner-up to Doris. He's smooth, too, but no one can beat Doris."

"We bought up here in 1975," Gord explains. At the time, he was working at General Motors in Oshawa where they were both born and raised. "We bought a cottage on

Parsons Road and in '82 I asked Doris, 'If I got an early retirement, could you live in this country?' We came up here, and we never looked back. This is where we want to be."

"It's exhilarating, it's fresh air, it's meeting all our friends out here and just enjoying every moment," Doris says of their daily ski. "Every ride up the lift we can find a friend to ride with. We know them all and they know us. We love skiing with them. And then there's après ski and all."

In their 53 years of marriage, the Piersons have been to most of the world's top ski areas, starting with their honeymoon at Mont Tremblant.

"We've skied in Austria, France, Italy, Switzerland, Aspen, Telluride, Park City, and Whistler," Gord says. "We've been to Whistler 15 years in a row. In 1994, our daughter was working in Whistler and we decided if she could find us a condo, we would go out and stay there. We drove out and I skied 100 days that year. Doris skied 85 days and she also taught at the Whistler ski school for the season. Whistler seems to be our favourite skiing spot."

"I think we look for lots of different types of terrain,"

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Piersons' passion for skiing has led them around globe

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Doris says. "We like everything. We like cruisers, but we also like the challenge of a few bumps, and we also like some steep stuff."

"Lots of powder," Gord adds. "Six inches of powder on a mountain is heaven for us. Not overly deep. We don't do the knee high skiing because we're not used to it, because we're used to skiing on - what do we call it?"

"Ontario powder," Doris says, sharing a laugh with her husband.

"I find Europe very vast," she adds. "You spend a lot of time standing on your skis going from one place to another before you really get into some good skiing. It's beautiful, but it's huge. The atmosphere is wonderful over there, but I still like the Canadian Rockies."

Despite their common appreciation for the Rockies, Gord still favours one European mountain.

"The nicest place that we've skied was Grindelwald in Switzerland," he says, "and I think it was because it was very similar to what we have here in Canada in the Rockies and the Laurentians."

"He's a better skier on a mountain," Doris notes. "Here, he goes for a Sunday drive. I keep telling him I want him to ski like he means it."

"My dad was 41 when he got into skiing," Gord adds, "then he skied all his life. He was skiing when he died at 71. I'm still going. We're doing something right."

There couldn't be a truer statement. Seeing the couple on the hill, you might mistake them for being much younger based on their physical condition.

"Because you want to ski," Doris says, "you want to keep fit. You work out. I do a little snowshoeing and keep fit. Eat properly."

Though he'll admit he's in good shape, Gord is aware of his status as the oldest regular skier at Sir Sam's.

"I feel like I've been the oldest here for years. Years and years and years."

He admits he has a secret that helps him maintain his physique.

"Having a good cook," he laughs.

Their ability to join their four children and grandchildren on the slopes is a point of pride for the Piersons.

"There are lots of families now that have three generations skiing," Doris says. "Our kids are all friends and the little ones are all friends now. It's a bond. Skiing is the adhesive that keeps us all together."

And the two plan to stick with their routine.

"We're not done yet," Doris says. "We look forward to another five years or more, until arthritis stops me or Gord."

And she hopes others will follow their example and hit the slopes for life.

"I encourage anyone even up to 50 years old to start. If you start with instruction on the beginner hill, as long as you learn to turn and stop, you can ski."

"We're not stopping," Gord concludes. "We'll ski as long as we can ski. Skiing is our life."



CASEY LESSARD/Echo

At 77, Gord Pierson can put skiers half his age to shame with his bravado and skill. Still looking for the thrill of downhill, he's not afraid to launch his body over fast jumps.



"Doris Pierson is the best skier at Sir Sam's," says ski hill co-owner J.D. Bishop. The Oshawa-native and Eagle Lake resident has 64 seasons under her belt, and has even taught skiing in Whistler, B.C.

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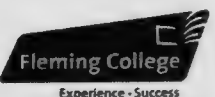

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Haliburton hosted the annual Kawartha Highlands Interclub figure skating competition this past weekend, in which teams from Haliburton, Minden, Bancroft, Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Lakefield, and Peterborough competed. Above left: Jillian Mayhew and Shannon McMurray of the Haliburton Figure Skating Club prepare for the shadow skating skills event, in which they placed first. Above right: Jessica Duchene negotiates a "one-footed sculley" backwards during the team relay event.

HHSS Hockey

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hockey team is playing in the COSSA Central Ontario playoffs Tuesday, facing Belleville's St. Teresa's Catholic High School in Campbellford. The team made it to the tournament after defeating Adam Scott 6-3 in the Kawartha semi-final game; HHSS lost the championship game 5-3 against Campbellford. The team must win the next two games to reach the provincial OFSAA championships at the end of March. Above: Mitch Vasey slips the puck past a defender during the Kawartha seeding game.

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Mel Smith

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Valerie Smith
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The participants are people from the local community. Gerard Mumford was born and raised in the Harcourt area and comes from a family well known for its music talent. Gerard

plays guitar and sings in an "old country" style. Bobbie Jo Lewis has deep roots in the Highland Grove area. Bobbie Jo's parents were born and raised in Highland Grove where Bobbie Jo grew up. At the present time she is attending school in Kingston. Bobbie Jo plays the alto saxophone. Anne Dupuis is a retired teacher living in Harcourt and she sings on the recording. Evonne Hughes moved to Wilberforce in 1970. She is an outstanding pianist. She takes seriously her roles as wife and mother of six boys who are now young men. Charles Hughes has taught school for 35 years and 28 years of the 35 were served in the capacity of principal. He taught in both Harcourt and Wilberforce. In addition to school, he has been a very integral part of children and youth work in the area. He is now retired, living between Harcourt and Wilberforce.

Trish and Joanne Vanier were the technical producers of the CD. Trish is a Bible college student in Peterborough while Joanne is a busy wife, mother and very active community volunteer residing on Farquar Lake. For further information regarding this great CD please contact 448-CARE (2273).

The Performing Arts Group of Kawartha Lakes Bible College will be presenting "The Bible...Tried, Tested and True" on Sunday, March 11 at the Harcourt Community Chapel starting at 7:00 p.m.. Trish Vanier will be part of this fun and informative program filled with musical talent and dramatic presentations about the relevance and reliability of the Bible. Everyone is wel-

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If you have any item of interest to share please e-mail vsmith.rhapsody@sympatico.ca or call 705 448 3640. Upcoming events for Harcourt and surrounding communities:

March 7: Bingo is held every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Harcourt Community Centre. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

March 8: Progressive euchre is held every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Harcourt Community Centre. Cost is only \$2. Come out for an evening of great fun playing euchre followed by a light social lunch. For further

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Qualified individuals interested in obtaining a position as a Seasonal Engineering Student within the County of Haliburton Roads Department are invited to submit applications at this time.

Successful candidates will possess basic surveying skills achieved either through post secondary education or demonstrated on the job experience.

Candidates interested in making application for this position should submit an electronic cover letter and detailed resume **no later than Friday, March 16, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.** to the attention of:

Tamara Williams, County Clerk and Human Resources
Via email to: twilliams@county.haliburton.on.ca

Alternatively, documentation can be mailed or hand delivered to 11 Newcastle Street, P.O. Box 399, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

Selection and appointment for this position is contingent on the requirements of operational plans and associated budget approvals for 2007.

We thank all who apply for their participation in this process, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Guilford connection to be found in 'Annie jr.'

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

"Annie jr." was popular in the extreme as the performance drew audiences four times to fill the Northern Lights Pavilion on Feb. 24 and 25. The talented and hard-working young dancers gave it their all and won the hearts of the observers as little orphaned Annie lost, then found, someone to love her in the person of Lauren Snelgrove in her convincing performance. Josie and Mia Quigley, grandchildren of Carol and Lyle Stamp, Caitlyn Griffin, daughter of Brad and Cathy Griffin, and Lauren Dixon, daughter of Betty and Carl Dixon were part of the Guilford connection of the cast. Hats off to Terri Matthews for bringing it off. We thank you for a very

pleasurable afternoon (or evening). The dancers were a delight to behold. Ross Curtis who used to be from Guilford deserves special mention for his precise acting and dancing. Quinn Schell as "Pepper" is the niece of Rod and Wendy Roberts and the daughter of Luke and Shelley Schell.

Congratulations to Megan Shaw, daughter of Barry and Rhonda (Laporte) Shaw, on completing her nursing degree and now working in our Haliburton Hospital.

Centre Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 28 saw twelve present, chaired by Bill Marshall. Councillor Janis Parker, Susan Norcross, Cheryl Cooper, Lynn Morrison, Shirley Johnston, Custodians Alison and James Daniel, Myra Marshall, Kay Morrison, and Lisa Hamilton represented the various aspects of work at the Centre.

Best wishes to Doreen Sisson for better health as she recovers in Haliburton Hospital.

Can't stop the rocks

Bonspiel players curl on through snowstorm

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark
448-2018

The storm that hit this area early last Friday caused lots of problems for curling bonspiel convenor Joe Martinek. Eight teams, several of them from out of town, were scheduled to play Friday night and Saturday. Finally everything was sorted out and the tournament started Saturday morning and was completed Sunday morning.

The Reeve team finished first with 49.75 points. Tammy Vaughan's team came second with 40.25 points. In third place was the Brice team with 40.25 followed closely by Doug Stephen's team with 34 points.

A roast pork dinner was enjoyed at the close of Saturday's play as the teams relaxed, anticipating the final round on Sunday morning.

Thanks to Joe and Nadia Martinek for convening this "Bring A Prize Win A Prize" bonspiel and to all who helped make it successful. A bonspiel that could have been cancelled turned out to be one that was great fun.

The Harcourt Community Chapel will be hosting a "fun and informative program filled with musical talent and dramatic presentations" on Sunday March 11 at 7 p.m... Charles Hughes let us know that it will be presented by the Performing Arts Group of the Kawartha Lakes Bible College. It is free. All welcome.

The Loop Troupe is deep into rehearsals of the comedy "Mother Variations" by Ariva Ravel. Cast and crew are busy with everything from lines to sound effects and from designing the set to assembling props. The play will be on stage at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Friday and Saturday April 13 and 14.

Art Barras celebrated his 80th birthday on Saturday March 3. On this special day Art was happy to be surrounded by family and friends. Among those joining Art and Joyce at their home were son Randy, daughter-in-law Jane and grandchildren Rebecca and Matthew. Many happy returns, Art. All the best for many more happy years.

Colleen Ward and Ginny Carmichael from this area joined Robin Nisbet for some bowling in Lindsay last Saturday, March 3, 2007. They took part in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters "Bowl For Kids" tournament. They had fun as everyone came costumed as Super Heroes and helped raise a lot of money.

In their time slot alone \$10,000 was raised. Many youngsters are supported and helped along in their lives by Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Congratulations to Colleen, Ginny and Robin for participating in this fundraiser for the third year.



Municipality of Dysart et al

NOTICE

All dogs are required by law to be tagged. The fee for each licence/tag is \$10.00

2007 dog licences and tags are now available at
the Municipal Offices, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton

Further take notice that charges may be laid at any time for any dog not licensed and tagged, according to law.

Charges may also be laid if a dog is found running at large, whether tagged or not. Every person guilty of an offence shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500.00 for each offence.

Gary Heads, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT MUNICIPALITY OF DYSSART ET AL

- DATE: Monday April 2nd, 2007.
- TIME: 7:00 pm.
- LOCATION: Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of 1615489 Ontario (Silver Beach):
 - Purpose and Effect: to amend By-law 2006-119 to permit the construction of two model homes.
 - Change to the holding provisions only. The zone does not change.
 - Location: Part Lot 3, Concession 6, Dysart Township (Wigamog Road).
 - This property is the subject of OPA 3, which is before the County of Haliburton for approval.
 - This property is the subject of condominium applications 46T-06-001 and 46T-06-002 of the County of Haliburton.
2. Lands of 613905 Ontario Inc. and Leonard Pizzev:
 - Purpose and Effect: to amend By-law 2005-120 as amended, to permit the construction of a bank, a restaurant, a drive-through restaurant, a take-out restaurant or a retail store.
 - Zone change to General Commercial Exception (C-).
 - Site specific zone provisions are included.
 - Location: Part Lot 17, Concession 8, Part Lots 6 and 12, Block T, Plan 1, Dysart Township (Maple Avenue near the intersection with Victoria Street).

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 6th day of March, 2007.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP
Municipal Planner



Corporation of the County of Haliburton Roads Department

Seasonal Labourer CUPE Local 1960

Qualified individuals interested in obtaining a position as a Seasonal Labourer within the County of Haliburton Roads Department are invited to submit applications at this time.

Successful candidates will have experience with chainsaw handling, traffic control and be able to perform heavy manual labour duties in an outside environment.

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How do you say bowling in French?

Grade 8 students at J Douglas Hodgson Elementary School hosted SEVEC exchange partners from École Polyvalente St-Joseph in Quebec recently. The group had lots of fun touring the county and Toronto. They visited Carnarvon Lanes for some bowling fun.

Above left: Trisha McNeil and Natasha Branscombe mingle with Jean-Simon Emard and Louis Philippe Prévost.

Above: Francis Rousseau tries for a strike. "It's a beautiful city," the visitor said. "But it's little. A lot of fun things to do here."

Left: Nicole Jennings, Andrew Elia, Lindsey Pogue, Natasha Branscombe and Arnaud St-Martin look at photos of the group.

Photos by Casey Lessard

H.C.D.C. seminar series

INCOME TAX PREPARATION - Michele DuLong CGA

Wednesday March 7th, 2007 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm

- Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level)

A 3 hr. overview for sole proprietors/partners covering Statement of Business Activity - Form T2124 & T2032, calculations for automobile & house expenses and capital cost allowance.

HALIBURTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
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SUCCESSION PLANNING - Business Development Bank of Canada

Thursday March 15th, 2007 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm - Delta Pinestone, Minden Room

The Transitions loan program offered by the Business Development Bank of Canada finances employees or investors assuming ownership of your business.

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS
A Natural World of Art

VISUAL MERCHANDISING - Beyond The Ordinary - Paul Portelli

Tuesday March 20th, 2007 - 9:00am to 2:30pm - Fleming College Room 9

\$20. Fee for Arts Council Members - \$35. Fee for Non-members

Learn how to improve the way you show your work in your studio, show booth or gallery, visually sell your art work and say who you are in the marketplace. Learn the basic concepts of visual display and design theories and how to apply them to your business or arts practice.



LEGAL ISSUES, COPYRIGHT AND CONTRACTS FOR ARTISTS

- Susan Kushneryk - BA, LL.B. of Torts LLP

Saturday March 31st, 2007 - 11:00am to 4:00pm - Fleming College Room 11

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Learn about the benefits of using contracts in your professional dealings; artistic copyright and moral rights, protecting your legal rights and tips for negotiating agreements that protect your interests. Presented in partnership with CARFAC.

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Canada

PST/GST - Reps. from Federal & Provincial Governments

Wednesday April 11th, 2007 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Fleming College Room 11

How to complete your forms, understand the differences between PST & GST, Clarify your responsibilities for collecting and remitting tax credits and overpayments, answer your questions.

Haliburton Highlands CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

FOOD SERVICE & HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

Reps. from Federal & Provincial Governments

Thursday April 19th, 2007 - 6:30pm to 8:00pm - Fleming College Room 8

Topics will include review of RST legislation and policies as they relate to the provision of prepared foods, alcoholic beverages and accommodation, including B&B's.

Ontario

MARKETING DYNAMICS - Mike Jaycock

Wednesday April 25th, 2007 - 9:00am to 3:00pm

- Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level)

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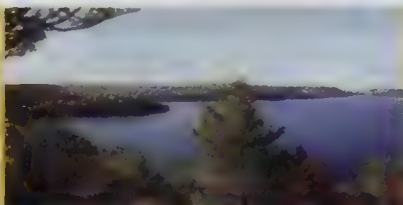
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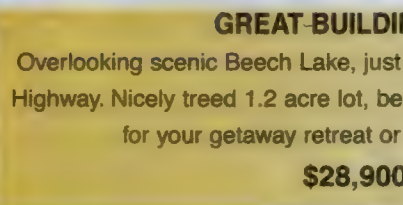
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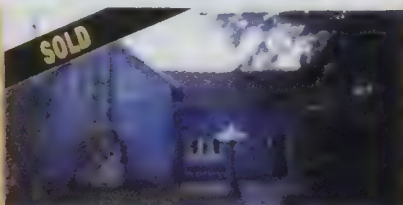
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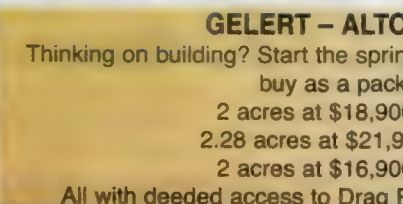
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Captain Dan Collings presents MWO Kelly Dobson with a plaque.

Cadet 'retires' at age 19

LT C. MCKENZIE

Special to the Echo

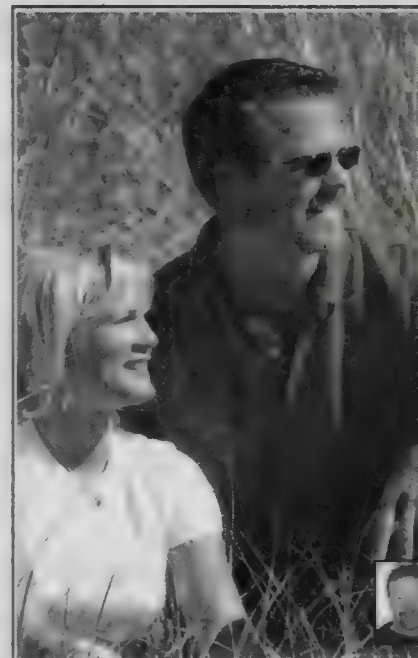
January 30 marked the last parade night for Master Warrant Officer Kelly Dobson. MWO Dobson, a long-serving member of Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corp #1129, is leaving because cadets cannot serve past their nineteenth birthdays.

She joined the local Army Cadet Corp on October 9, 2001. During her five and a half years with the Corp, Cadet Dobson rose through the ranks from Private to Master Warrant Officer and attended three annual summer training courses at Blackdown, the army cadet training centre at CFB Borden. She also was employed as Staff Cadet at Blackdown during the summer of 2005.

Commanding Officer Captain Dan Collings presented MWO Dobson with a plaque recognizing her service with the Corp. She was also presented with the Army Cadet Long Service Medal provided by the Army Cadet League of Canada. MWO Dobson has offered to stay on with the Corp until the end of the training year as a volunteer civilian instructor.

The aims of the Canadian Cadet movement are to develop in youth the attributes of good citizenship and leadership, promote physical fitness and stimulate the interest in youth in the Canadian forces.

Haliburton Army Cadets meet for training every Tuesday night from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion. Youth between 12 and 19 years of age are invited to come out and see what the cadet program is all about.

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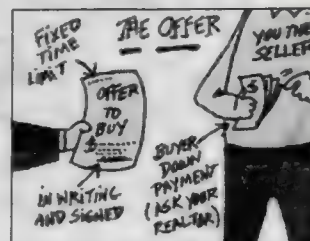
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Students help by having fun

Sir Sam's ski hill hosted 82 students for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board for its annual fun day. Students were given a reduced rate, and \$3 from each pass went to Community Living Haliburton County. Doug Reed, owner/operator of Sir Sam's, presented Community Living president Nancy Pickard with a cheque for \$246 at a recent meeting.

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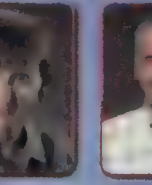
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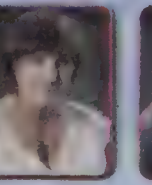
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Minden Legion: Every Monday beginning March 12, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Contact volunteer Tiia Billings at 447-2462.

Minden Ontario Government Building: Returns can be dropped off and picked up Monday to Friday during business hours. Returns will be picked up and dropped off by the volunteer in Minden Mondays at noon.

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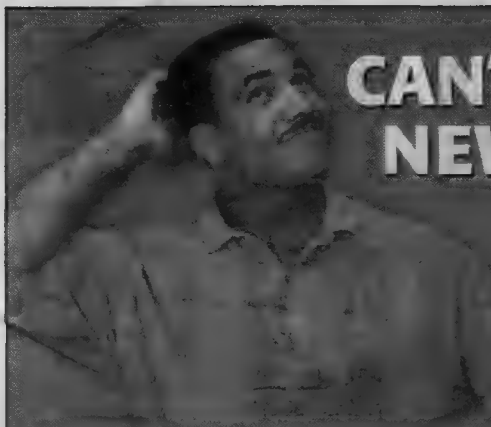
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What's happening in the Highlands

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- **Mar. 6:** Ontario Early Years – Parent Talk Time, Minden, Wed., 10:30-11:30. Join us & gain tips & tricks that will help parents to deal with common parenting concerns around biting, hitting, whining, & tantrums. For more info call 286-1770.
- **Mar. 7:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located in the Community Care Drop-In Centre in the Halco Plaza, Haliburton. Subsequent clinics the first Wed. of every month. To book call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome.
- **Mar. 8:** Minden Well Baby Drop-in. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info. call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Mar. 11:** Full Gospel Lighthouse – Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Speaker: John Trotter.
- **Mar. 15:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Mar. 15:** Food Handler Course. Course for food handlers that certifies them in safe food handling methods. Held at the Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton Village from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 457-1391 for cost & more details.
- **Mar. 16:** Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary is hosting a St. Patrick's Steak Pie Luncheon at the Haliburton Legion on Friday, March 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Entertainment by Kathleen Owens & Earl Cooper. Pay at the door. For cost & more information please call Ariel at 457-3030.
- **Mar. 17:** Job Fair on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Ballroom at the Delta Pinestone Resort. Please bring a resume and references.
- **Mar. 28:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located at Staunworth Court Lounge, Minden. Subsequent clinics the fourth Thurs. of the month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome.
- **Apr. 12:** Minden Well Baby Drop-in. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info., call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Apr. 19:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info., call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Apr. 20:** Food Handler Course. Course for food handlers that certifies them in safe food handling methods. Cost is \$20/person. Held at the Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton Village from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 457-1391 for more details.
- **Apr. 23:** Blood Donor Clinic – Haliburton Legion, 16 Mountain Street, 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

ONGOING EVENTS

- **Every day a new picture** of Haliburton County, and sometimes beyond. Just visit www.jackbush.my-expressions.com every day. A great reminder of why we all love living right here.
- **Fourth Thursday each month.** "Caring with Confidence" a group for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementia meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month at Community Care at 10-12. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742 for information.
- **March Break:** Are you looking for childcare during the March Break? The Children's Learning Centre has a limited number of spaces for School Age Care for the March Break (Mar. 9 to 16 inclusive). The School Age program will be in the day care at 16 Prentice St. Call Gord at 286-4074 to register.
- **Third Tuesday each month.** "Living with Cancer" a group for individuals who have been diagnosed with cancer, recently or in the past meets on the 3rd Tues. of the month. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742 for information.
- **Thursdays in March:** Join us for Adventure Mornings at the Ontario Early Years Centre Minden. We will explore through activities & song the topics of ABC's, Zoo, Food & Ocean. For more info. Call 286-1770.
- **Mar./Apr.:** The Haliburton Highlands Museum presents a photographic exhibit entitled "A Lucas Family Album" depicting the life of a prominent Haliburton family circa 1900 to 1940.
- **Now until Mar. 24:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre presents: Mary Intven Wallace: Inuksuk Song. Highland Room. Reception, Artist Talk & Slides: February 17, 2-4 p.m. Join us as we present award winning artist, author & educator, Mary Intven Wallace, on a visual journey to the vibrant centre of our northern arctic land, Nunavut. Mary has traveled to the far north several times & throughout this work, we travel with her. For info call 457-2330.
- **Now until Mar. 27:** Kindergym – An energetic program where children (18 mths. to 3 yrs.) & caregivers learn & explore music & movement. 11-11:30 a.m. at the Haliburton Dance Arts Studio. To register please phone 457-2989.
- **Now until Apr. 20:** From Lullabies to Literacy – Help your child to enjoy books & learn to read through activities, songs & stories. Fridays 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the Minden OEYC. In partnership with Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth & Parents. For more info call 286-4625.
- **Now until April 26:** Highlands Parent-Child Mother Goose – from 10-11 a.m. for parents with children 0 to 2.5 yrs. A 10 week program to learn rhymes, songs & stories in a relaxed environment at the OEYC Haliburton. In partnership with Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth & Parents. Call 286-4625 to register.
- **Lakeside Baptist Church, Park St., Haliburton – Grief Share Support Group.** Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. starting Feb. 20 for 13 weeks. No charge to attend. A safe caring place to be when grief hurts. To register for attendance please call Sue Bain at 457-2570 or Pat & Doug Hardy at 286-3635.
- **Community Care** is looking for Brokered Workers to provide Home Help in Gooderham & Haliburton & Home Maintenance in the Wilberforce area. They offer seniors & adults with disabilities assistance with light housekeeping, yard work, snow shoveling, etc. All brokered workers are screened through our volunteer screening process. For more info. or to become a registered brokered worker, call Roxanne at 457-2941.
- **First Friday of every month:** Open Mike Nite at the Dominion Hotel, Main St. in Minden. Starts at 8 p.m. Local performers needed; musical, comedy, magic, poets, etc. Call 286-6954 or 286-5035 to book your act.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men & the women who love them are welcome. For info. please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **The Minden Women's Institute** meets at 1:30 p.m. every 3rd Wed. of the month. Contact 286-1158 or 754-1656 for information
- **Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, and other card games?** Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.
- **Community Care** Haliburton County has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a Security Check Phone Call. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**

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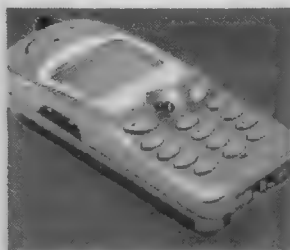
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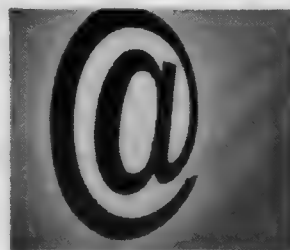
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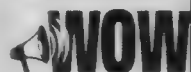


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Notices A910

ESTATE NOTICE
Anyone with information about Keith Foote, son of Marrie Foote (also known as Marrie Johnson), please contact Deborah Loy at 250-390-3157

Tenders A920

The Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society
Requests proposals to provide the agency with roofing services for the 1100 Chemong Road, Peterborough location.
The required work (involving two sections of the roof) includes:
Stripping and shingling an asphalt section of the roof and Stripping and completing a tar and gravel section of the roof
Interested vendors may deliver proposals to:
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in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Roofing Proposal" no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday March 9, 2007.
Interested vendors must be fully insured.
The agency is not obliged to accept the lowest or any proposal. Information packages can be obtained from the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society reception at 1100 Chemong Road, Peterborough or 42 Victoria Avenue, Lindsay, as of Tuesday February 27, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

Coming Events A940

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General Employment

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Coming Events

A940

MARCH / APRIL The Haliburton Highlands Museum presents a photographic exhibit entitled "A Lucas Family Album" depicting the life of a prominent Haliburton Family circa 1900 to 1940. Enjoy our many exhibits, Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 to 5:00.

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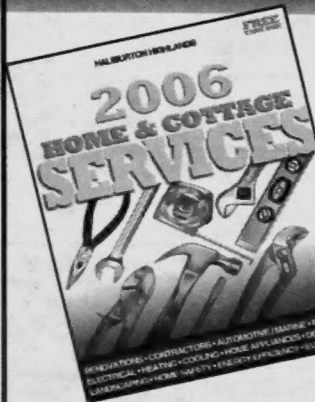
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Haliburton Highlands Auxiliary
St. Patrick's Day lunch March 16 at the Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Cost \$6.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children. For Further information Call 457-3030

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Sale
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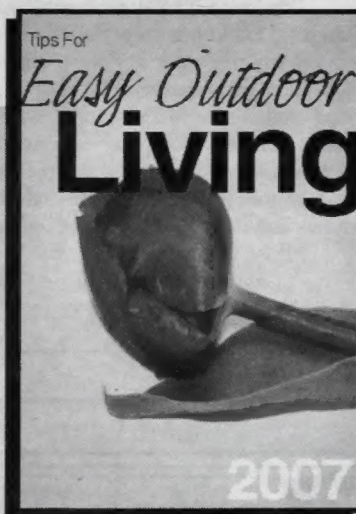
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Announcements

Deaths

ALDERTON, Shirely E. - Peace at last
Shirley Alderton (nee Thwaites) passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, with her husband Harvey at her side. Her long fight with cancer is over.

She is survived by her husband Harvey "Bud" her two sons Glen (Rita) and Eric (Sandra) and by her two grandchildren Kevin and Kaitlyn. Shirley will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Friends were invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, P.O. Box 427, 127 Main St., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Thursday from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the chapel on Friday, March 2, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. Reception in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Cremation to follow.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

Harvey and the family would like to Thank Shirley's nurses and care givers to whom he would not have been able to care for Shirley at home.

EASTMAN, Robert John "Jack" - Passed away peacefully at Extendicare, Haliburton on Sunday, February 25, 2007 at the age of 52.

Beloved son of the late Minnie and Ernest Eastman. Dear brother of George and his wife Lois of Scarborough, predeceased by Don and William. Jack is survived by 2 nieces, 5 nephews and their families. Jack is fondly remembered by his family and friends at the Community Living in Haliburton.

Friends were invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Saturday, March 3, 2007 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Memorial Service in the Chapel at 2:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place. Spring Interment at the Minden Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Community Living, Haliburton would be appreciated by the family.

Deaths

REID, Verna - Resident of Haliburton, Ontario) Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital with her daughter by her side on Thursday evening, March 1, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Gerald Reid. Loving mother of Barbara (Mrs. Wayne W. Wood) of Haliburton. Fondly remembered by her grandsons Kevin (Lillette) of Toronto, Wade (Jennifer) of Haliburton & great granddaughters Sarah & Kaitlyn. Also remembered by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her sisters Marjorie, Hilda, & Ruby. Verna was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Women's League.

Visitation & Funeral Mass
Friends were to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario on Sunday afternoon, March 4, 2007 from 2-4 p.m. Then to **ST. ANTHONY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** Victoria Street, Haliburton on Monday morning, March 5, 2007 for Funeral Mass at 11 o'clock. Interment later Gates of Heaven Cemetery Sackville, Nova Scotia. As expressions of sympathy donations to St. Anthony's Futures Fund or the Scarborough Mission would be appreciated by the family.

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Deaths

SCHROTER, Violet Bernice - Passed away peacefully at Extendicare Kawartha Lakes, Lindsay on Friday, March 2, 2007. Violet Silver, in her 83rd year was the devoted wife of the late Arnold Schroter (2004). She was the loving mother of Morley (Lynda) Schroter of Lindsay and Judy (Glen) Stone of Beamsville. Cherished grandmother of Craig (Colette) and Kevin (Cheryl) all of Lindsay, Annette (Brad) Newton of Beamsville and Jennifer (Kevin) Salmon of Georgetown. Beloved great grandmother of Megan and Rachel Schroter, Heather and Shannon Newton and Corinna and Aaron Salmon. Dear sister of Joan (Ken Lowes) of Lindsay and predeceased by Howard and Gerald Silver, Joyce Hennessey and Barbara McCluney. Friends were invited to call at the **STODDART FUNERAL HOME**, 24 Mill St., Lindsay on Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and on Monday, March 5 from 1:00 p.m. until time of funeral service in the chapel at 2:00 p.m. Interment will take place at Kinmount Cemetery in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.



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GOUGH Sr., Thomas F. - Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Sunday, February 25, 2007, in his 77th year.

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Thomas's wishes were for cremation to take place and a Private Family Interment to be held at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Hearing Society would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

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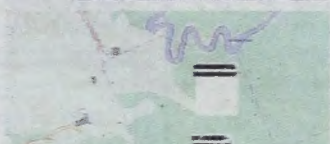


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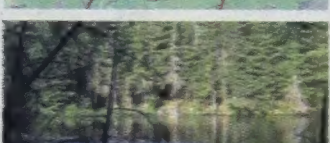
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Lovely chalet style home: Well maintained w/wonderful privacy. Close to ski hill & public beach. Five bdrms., Jacuzzi tub, hot tub, FP an much more. Beautiful recreational getaway or country home.
Call Marilyn Hawley

Marilyn
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457-1011
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Commercial-Investment: Prime commercial property known as the Heritage Plaza in Minden. Excellent location with terrific highway exposure. Adjoining corner commercial property is also for sale, known as the Minden Auto Centre. Check out the details at www.BillKulas.com or call Bill for an appointment to view.
Call Bill Kulas to view today.

Bill
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286-2911
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\$799,700

Outstanding Beauty: This contemporary home on water is finished to perfection. The rugged lot is accented by a spectacular rock ridge, a variety of options to reach the waterfront. The 225 ft. of stone & sand frontage, good privacy, south Eastern view. There is over 2800 sq. ft. of well thought out living space & much more.
Call Cathy Lancia

Cathy
Lancia**
754-4242



\$129,000

Stop paying rent: Fabulous 2 bdrm. bungalow in the heart of Haliburton village. Freshly painted, cozy and bright, upgrades include windows, septic, well with maint. free exterior, paved drive and carport. All on an easy to care for lot within walking distance to Main Street.
Call Denise Leblanc

Denise
Leblanc*
286-2911
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\$249,900

Wilbermere Lake (Deeded Access): Screened gazebo off deck to large in-ground swimming pool 4 bdrms., 2 baths, many upgrades incl. wood floors, kit., CAD 5 internet/cable most rms, double car/shop det., single gar. att., & large finished bsmt. Manicured lot w/raised perennial, vegetable & herb gardens, & a pond finish this park like picture!
Call Richard Moritz

Richard
Moritz*
457-1011



\$74,500

Riverfront Building Lot: Great building lot in nice Sub Division, area of nice homes, 230 feet of river frontage, 3 lake chain, close to stores, and golf course.
Call Erin Nicholls

Erin
Nicholls*
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\$499,000

Little Kennis: 4 season cottage nestled on private, treed lot w/rock shoreline, 3 bdrms., cedar interior, vaulted ceilings, floor to ceiling FP, wraparound deck. Lakeside patio. Spectacular view.
Call Karen Nimigon

Karen
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\$129,900

Affordable Cottage Living: Great one bedroom plus loft cottage on Haliburton County's 5 lake chain. Loads of extras included. Great sunsets. Easy living. Good times await. All this for \$129,900.
Call Tom & Gail Tempest

Tom & Gail
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286-2911
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\$398,500

Gull Lake: Beautiful setting on picturesque Gull Lake. Stunning western exp. immaculate 3 bdrm. cottage, floor to ceiling FP. Wrap-around deck, perfect for BBQs. Large 2 car garage for storage. Only minutes from Minden and year round access. Safe sand beach and lots more! Only 2 hours from Toronto.
Call Elizabeth Thompson

Elizabeth
Thompson*
457-1011
ext. 248



\$429,000

Pelaw Lake: 201 ft. of sand beach goes w/this 1350 sq. ft. 4 season cottage, open concept kitchen & living area, FP, 4 pc. bath, full unfinished bsmt. FAO heating, well, level private lot on year round municipal road.
Call Ted Vasey

Ted
Vasey*
457-1011
ext. 223



Gull River: Enjoy waterfront living at this 3 bdrm./2 bath home. Boat to town or to Gull Lake. Full finished bsmt. w/rec room & office/den, master ensuite w/ceramic floors, pine kitchen, w/o's galore, a beautifully landscaped lot, and a dbl. detached garage.
Call Melanie Vigrass

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